

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Hugh and Eli Stuart, of the county of Mecklenburg, reported favorable to the prayer of the petition, and recommended the passage of a resolution, presented by him, for their relief. The said resolution was read and passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Donoho, from the committee on Internal Improvements, made a report on the petition of Ebenezer Pettigrew, of the county of Tyrrell, favorable to the prayer thereof, recommending the passage of a bill to prevent persons from injuring a dam and canal, lately constructed by Ebenezer Pettigrew, in the county of Tyrrell. The said bill was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Ballew presented a bill to authorise Abner Payne, of the county of Burke, to erect a gate on his own lands across the road leading to Lincolnton. The said bill was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee on Divorce and Alimony, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Barker, praying to be divorced from her husband Charles Barker, made a report unfavorable to the prayer of the petition, and praying to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The question to concur with the report passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Donoho, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the bill to repair and improve the road leading from Columbia, in Tyrrell county, to Gum Neck and Frying Pan, reported that the committee had, according to order, considered the said bill, and instructed him to report the bill, and recommend its passage. The said bill was read the second time and passed.

A message from the Senate, informing that they had passed the following engrossed bills, to wit: A bill to repeal in part the several acts of the General Assembly respecting the sales of land and slaves under execution, so far as regards the county of Gates; a bill to alter in part the times of holding the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in the 5th judicial circuit; also a resolution in favor of Thomas Lanier and Hardy Wood, of Franklin county; and asking the concurrence of this House; and informing further, that they had indefinitely postponed the engrossed bill to repeal the 10th section of an act, directing the manner in which the Clerks of the Superior Courts shall be appointed, passed in the year 1806, chapter 693, entitled "an act for the more uniform and convenient administration of justice within this State."

The bill to fix the compensation hereafter to be given to the Public Printer, within this State, was read the second time, and, on motion, postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Polk, from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act, entitled "an act for the better regulation of the town of Murfreesborough, in the county of Hertford, and to enlarge the same," reported that the committee, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and instructed him to report the same without amendment, and to recommend its passage. The report was concurred in, and the said bill read the first time and passed.

The engrossed bill to repeal in part the several acts of the General Assembly, respecting the sales of lands and slaves under execution, so far as regards the county of Gates; and the engrossed bill to alter in part the times of holding the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in the 5th